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1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF LETTER (REFTEL) FROM ONE OF ADDRESSEES. INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. A GUERRILLA FORCE, THE RED REVOLUTION ARMY (RBH) HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ICELAND. THE AIM OF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO OVERTHROW THE CAPITALIST SOCIETY AND CREATE A COMMUNIST SOCIETY BASED ON MARXISM-LENINISM.
QUOTE. THE ORGANIZATION CONDEMNS THE PRESENT SOCIAL SYSTEM, THE CAPITALIST SOCIEITY WHICH IS BASED ON OPPRESSION AND ROBBING THE POOR. THE REGIME CONVINCES THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING WHILE IT SECRETLY STEALS THEIR WEALTH AND DELIVERS IT INTO THE HANDS OF A FEW CAPITALISTS. THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTE HAS
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NEVER LOOKED AT WHAT CAPITALISM HAS TAKEN. IT IS A FACT THAT SELDOM HAS THERE BEEN AS UNBRIDGEABLE A GAP BETWEEN THE STRATA OF SOCIETY AS THERE IS NOW.
THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES HAVE STOOD TOGETHER TO INSURE THAT POWER CONTINUES TO WORK IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CAPITALISTS. WHILE WORKING PEOPLE MUST STRUGGLE IN THE DARK FOR LIFE'S DAILY NEEDS, CAPITALISTS ARE

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PERMITTED TO REMOVE TENS OF MILLIONS OF KRONUR
FROM THE COUNTRY AND PUT IT IN FOREIGN BANKS. STILL
OTHERS STEAL TENS OF MILLIONS OF KRONUR FROM ICELANDIC
BANKS AND THROUGH THE TAX SYSTEM. OUR ORGANIZATION
CONSIDERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GEIR HALLGRIMSSON
HAS TAKEN STEPS TO ENSLAVE LABOR, AND NEVER BEFORE
HAS CORRUPTION FLOURISHED AS IN THIS COUNTRY.
QUOTE. CRITICISM OF THE CAPITALIST SOCIETY HAS BEEN
VERY UNSUCCESSFUL. THREE GROUPS, KNOWN TO HAVE MARX-
IST CONNECTIONS, DISTRIBUTE THREE PUBLICATIONS. THESE
PUBLICATIONS HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT, AND THESE GROUPS'
ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MINIMAL. THE
ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CAMPAIGN ARE WRONG. THERE IS NO
CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE GROUPS AND THE RBH. THE
DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE DOES NOT DESTROY CAPITALIS.
THEREFORE THE RED REVOLUTION ARMY EMPLOYS OTHER
MENAS. THESE FIGHTING MEASURES ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH
CAPITALISM EXCEPT BY REPUTATTION.
QUOTE. THE RBH DOES NOT BELIEVE IN WORKING WITH
WORDS OR OLD SLOGANS. ITS CAMPAIGN MUST NOT BE TIED
TO PAMPHLETEERING BUT TO ROBBERY, SABOTAGE AND
ATROCITIES. THE ORGANIZATION HAS TIES TO FOREIGN
ELEMENTS WHO EMPLOY SIMILAR TACTICS TO EXTERMINATE
CAPITALISM. THE ACTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WILL
SERIOUSLY TERRORIZE THE ICELANDIC CAPITALIST CLASS
AND WILL SPUR OTHERS TO ACTION.
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QUOTE. THE RBH DECLARES WAR ON THE CAPITALIST
SOCIETY.
QUOTE. YOU WILL SOON BE REMINDED OF THE RBH. UNQUOTE.

2. WE ARE INFORMED THAT POLICE HAVE VERY GOOD IDEA
OF WHO MAY BE BEHIND LETTERS. IT IS REPORTEDLY
SMALL GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE PREDOMINANTLY CHILDREN OF
WELL-TO-DO ICELANDERS. SUSPECTS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER
SURVEILLANCE BY POLICE WHO HOPE TO MAKE ARRESTS WHEN
THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLENCE TO DATE AND, TO BEST OF
OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO ATTEMPTS. HOWEVER PRECAUTIONS
TAKEN BY EMBASSY AND NATO BASE REMAIN IN EFFECT.
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